



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by President Spitzley

PRESENT: Council Members Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Houghton, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood

ABSENT: Council Member Yorko

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spitzley.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Wood

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of February 13, 2017

Motion Carried

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND THE CITY CLERK**

Vice-President Wood shared details about Edelmira Lopez's birthday party, the UAW 652 recognition of Lamont Green, the upcoming Rejuvenating South Lansing community meeting, and the upcoming Genesee Neighborhood Association meeting.

Council Member Washington shared details about her First Contact Community Meeting, the Eastside Neighborhood Organization's "Souper" fundraiser, and Edelmira Lopez's birthday party.

Council Member Hussain shared details about his Third Ward Constituent meetings.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan shared details about the Mobile Food Pantry, and that City TV and Public Access TV are now available on AT&T U-Verse.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing,

Michigan to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties

Council Member Hussain gave an overview of the public hearing.

• Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Mike Brueggeman spoke in opposition to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties.

Bill Kaiser of Delta Township spoke in opposition to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties.

Tom Haas spoke in opposition to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties.

Rich Floyd spoke in opposition to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties.

Gabe Lopez of Delta Township spoke in opposition to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties.

Doug Benson of Delhi Township spoke in opposition to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties.

Richard William of Meridian Township spoke in opposition to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend Chapter 1460.49 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding the requirement that delinquent real property taxes be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of compliance for rental properties

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-026

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON,
HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Bread House will celebrate Bishop Alfred P. Singleton and his six (6) years of Senior Pastorship on March 26, 2017 with their Shepherd's Day event, with the theme being "6 Years Rooted and Growing;" and

WHEREAS, the Bread House Church is known for serving the community by providing resources for Spiritual growth and enlightenment, undergarments for youth, food, drug and alcohol abuse counseling, global campaigns for clean water and bibles, child day care, and basketball practices for youth along with other services; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Alfred P. Singleton is married to First Lady Vivian Singleton his wife of 35 years. They have six children Alfred III, Ciara, Rebecca, Erica, Bianca and Nicholas who all are dedicated and actively work in a number of ministries; and

WHEREAS, nationally Bishop Singleton served as Treasurer on the Board of District Elders for the Pentecostal Churches of Apostolic Faith, where his tenure as District Elder extended over thirteen (13) years. In 2011 at the National Convention he was nominated to the office of Bishop, and in August 2012 was consecrated as a full Episcopal Bishop of the PCAF; and

WHEREAS, within the Lansing community, Bishop Singleton has served on the focus group for the Salvation Army; as a Lansing City Police Chaplain; as well as on the Lansing Pastors' Alliance. Bishop Singleton has also rendered service as Chaplain for political events held at the Michigan State Capital Building, the Mayoral Inauguration and for several Lansing business organizations; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Singleton is known as an anointed man of God known for being committed to living a life of holiness while spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to save the lost, bring deliverance to those who are captive, encourage those who are disheartened, teach the principles of Christ, and to fulfill God's vision, purpose and direction for his life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby wishes to congratulate Bishop Alfred P. Singleton on all his accomplishments, community building, and strong commitment to helping others. May you continue on in your journey and service for many more years to come.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-027

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, today more than ever, our religious leaders play a critical role in keeping the community nurtured and motivated to take on every day challenges and to celebrate the community's triumphs. These leaders carry significant influence in our lives and are among the most highly respected individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 4, 2017, The Divine Connection in association with Dean Transportation, Kingdom Life Church, and Tabernacle of David just to name a few will honor some of the City's most esteemed and influential pastors of the Greater Lansing area at the 7th Annual Pastor's Salute; and

WHEREAS, having made a positive impact on the community, the Pastors will receive letters from their members, and a plaque to publicly observe and applaud their contributions and showcase their good works in the community; and

WHEREAS, II Corinthians 9:13-14 states "Because of the service by

which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else. And in prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you." We thank the Pastors and their families for the sacrifices they make each day in ministering in the Greater Lansing Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to recognize the 2017 most honored Lansing Pastors for their dedication to the community. We celebrate their triumphs as leaders, mentors, and motivators. Congratulations Pastors, we wish you continued success! "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:13

By Vice-President Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-028

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Edelmira Lopez was born February 22, 1922, she has eight children, eighteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez believed in women's rights and encouraged other to do the same. She always taught her children to be proud Americans, always be diligent regarding democracy, always vote, and to be proud of their Mexican heritage and status language; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 Ms. Lopez helped find the Cristo Rey Church in Lansing, Michigan, after seeing a need for religious services in Spanish. Lopez then worked as a founder of the Cristo Rey Community Center to help see to the social needs of the community. She served as the chair of the Board of Directors for the Center for over twenty years. This allowed thousands of Michigan citizens to receive assistance with housing, food, healthcare, senior services, legal services, job training, counseling and much more; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Ms. Lopez became the first Latina in the City of Lansing to be part of the Lansing Housing Commission. She served the Commission for twenty-five years, sixteen of them as chairperson. Ms. Lopez's community work has been recognized in newspapers, magazine articles, television programs, government proclamations, and awards. In 2003 Ms. Lopez received the YWCA Diana Award; and

WHEREAS, Edelmira was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 2011 and they noted her courage, tenacity and dedication to overcome racism and sexism while making her voice for the underprivileged and her work as a catalyst for the betterment of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, along with her friends and family hereby pay tribute to the honors and accomplishments of Edelmira Lopez and we wish her a Happy 95th Birthday and many more!

By Vice-President Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-029

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Christie Poitra of

1426 Sunnyside in Lansing, MI, 48910, as a member of the Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on Monday, February 27, 2017 and took affirmative action.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Christie Poitra of 1426 Sunnyside in Lansing, MI, 48910, as a member of the Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-030

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Mid-Michigan Massage Therapy Institute, Inc. has requested a resolution of recognition as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license pursuant to MCL 432.103 (9); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reported that, based on a review of the documentation submitted, the applicant qualifies as a Local Nonprofit Organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the Mid-Michigan Massage Therapy Institute, Inc. as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to the Mid-Michigan Massage Therapy Institute, Inc. at 3333 S. Pennsylvania, Suite 102 Lansing, MI 48910.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-031

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Native American Arts and Crafts Council requested \$650.00 to defray costs associated with facility rental for their "Riverbank Traditional POW WOW" to be held on June 1st – June 4th, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on February 23, 2017, reviewed the request and approved \$650.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to Native American Arts and Crafts Council in the amount of \$650.00 to defray costs associated with facility rental for their "Riverbank Traditional POW WOW" to be held on June 1st – June 4th, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$650.00 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.741289.0.

BE IT RESOLVED that Native American Arts and Crafts Council shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-032

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Randy Walling sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$974.50 for trash and debris removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 1515 Bailey Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-22-351-011); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$974.50 was denied on February 23, 2017.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Randy Walling in the amount of \$974.50 for trash and debris removal fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 1515 Bailey Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-22-351-011).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-033

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LANSING

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT I/II

WHEREAS, the Public Service Department has established the need to repair and reconstruct the public sidewalk in the following location:

PROPERTIES BENEFITED: All lands fronting Jolly Road between Wise Road and Pleasant Grove Road, excepting all public streets and alleys and other land deemed not benefited; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Department will complete this work as part of the Jolly Road Rehabilitation project, and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Department requests, pursuant to Chapter 1024.03 of the Code of Ordinances that the repair and reconstruction of these public sidewalks be determined by City Council to be a necessary public improvement, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that this proposed public improvement will benefit especially properties in the vicinity of the work to be done and that a benefit district pursuant to Chapter 1026 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances should be established to be specially assessed for the public improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby determines it to be of a public necessity to construct the following public improvements: Sidewalk repair on Jolly Road between Wise Road and Pleasant Grove Road, excepting all public streets and alleys and other land deemed not benefited.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of these improvements is

to be financed by special assessments to the benefited property owners, and the City's public share of the project shall be paid from the Sidewalk Repair Account 410.933690.974200.13026.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service is hereby authorized to prepare necessary plans and specifications for these improvements, obtain the necessary easements for construction, and to determine the cost of said project in sufficient detail to establish the special assessment district and the applicable assessment to the properties in the district, and to furnish said information to the Mayor and City Council.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-034

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THE GREATER LANSING REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND TO AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) have required municipalities in the Greater Lansing Tri-County Region to apply for and maintain compliance with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for their municipal stormwater discharges; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lansing Area Communities prepared, reviewed, and proposed a Memorandum of Agreement for adoption by all the municipalities and agencies to formalize and establish the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management (GLRC); and

WHEREAS, participation in the GLRC advances local efforts for responsible stewardship of our natural resources, allows for the cooperative management of the watersheds in our community and this region, and assists the participating municipalities and their departments in complying with the regulatory requirements promulgated by the MDEQ and the USEPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) stormwater discharge permits; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement which was adopted by these municipalities and agencies originally in 2008, was revised and updated and re-adopted in 2012, and has now been prepared reflecting changes in the participating municipalities and activities to meet permit requirements and extending the period of the agreement to April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has been a member of the GLRC, since its inception in 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management Memorandum of Agreement revised by the GLRC on December 8, 2016, and authorizes payment of the appropriate annual assessment for support of the GLRC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lansing's representative to the GLRC is the City Engineer.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-035

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL ASSESSMENT ROLL WINTER 2016-17

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1020.06, Snow and Ice, adopted by this Council, the City Assessor has completed the assessment roll for removal of snow and/or ice adjacent to certain properties within the City; and

WHEREAS, the owners of these properties were given proper notice in accordance with Chapter 1020.06(c)(1) to remove the snow and/or ice from the public sidewalk adjacent to their property; and

WHEREAS, the City incurred costs for the removal of snow and/or ice, which it is required to recover in accordance with Chapter 1020.06(c)(2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1020.06, the fees for those costs were adopted by Council; and

WHEREAS, those costs incurred between November 1, 2016 and February 6, 2017, by the City total \$13,869.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, to review, prior to confirmation, said assessment roll.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby requested to give due notice of this public hearing as provided by Chapter 1026, Section 1026.06(b) and (c), of the Code of Ordinances by publishing a notice of a public hearing in a daily newspaper of the City, not more than twenty days and not less than ten days before such public hearing. In addition, the Clerk shall give notice of hearings in special assessment proceedings to each owner of, or party in interest in, property to be assessed, whose name appears upon the last local tax assessment records, by first class mail addressed to such owner or party at the address shown on the tax records, at least ten days before the date of such hearing. Said notices shall include the time and place of the hearing; a description of the properties determined by the Director of Public Service to have violated Chapter 1020.06 which are contained in the special assessment roll; where the special assessment roll is on file with the City Clerk and may be examined at the City Clerk's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any person aggrieved by the assessments as contained in the special assessment roll, or the necessity of the removal of snow and ice, may file a written objection thereto which must be delivered to the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing, or the person may appear and protest the same at the public hearing in person or by his or her representative; that the appearance and protest or written protest in the manner described is required if the person desires to appeal the amount of the assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirement of 1962 PA 162, as amended, a written appeal of the Special Assessment may be made to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, 611 West Ottawa St., P.O. Box 30232, Lansing, MI 48909; if filed within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll and if the Special Assessment was protested at this hearing.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-036

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a claim be resolved by virtue of entering into a settlement agreement with claimant 2062876-00997, in which, the City of Lansing would agree to pay Plaintiff the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$63,715.00) in exchange for a complete redemption and release of the City from any past, present, and future liability regarding any alleged injuries/illnesses whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement is recommended by the Mayor, the Department of Human Resources Director, the City of Lansing's Fund Administrator, and the City Attorney.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the payment of Sixty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$63,715.00) pursuant to said proposed settlement agreement as a full and final settlement of said action.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Attorney is authorized to prepare and execute the requisite documents to complete settlement of the aforementioned lawsuit.

By Vice-President Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-037

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, in January 2017 The City of Lansing received a Capital Region Community Foundation Grant for "Financially Empowering Offenders by Avoiding Common Pitfalls"; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Community Foundation grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and a proposal was submitted by the Office of Financial Empowerment on September 1, 2016, approved on November 14, 2016, and was received on January 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region Community Foundation grant supports assisting persons who are about to be incarcerated, by helping them freeze their credit with the three bureaus, request a child support modification, and determine where they will hold any cash or assets during their incarceration in order to avoid dormancy of accounts; and

WHEREAS, Capital Region Community Foundation awarded \$9,750.00 to the City of Lansing's Office of Financial Empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the award for \$9,750.00 does not require a local match;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Capital Region Community Foundation grant in the total amount of \$9,750.00 for the grant period beginning November 1, 2016 and ending November 3, 2017 for the City of Lansing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-038

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Office of Emergency Management receives Federally-funded grant dollars, Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), to pay for 35.6931% of the program Coordinators Salary and Fringe benefits; and

WHEREAS, the EMPG grant is an annual hand down grant to the State of Michigan and is awarded to Emergency Management programs within the State of Michigan annually; and

WHEREAS, the EMPG grant is designed to provide federal EMPG funds to the sub grantee for the development and maintenance of an emergency management program capable of protecting life, property, and vital infrastructure in time of disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, the EMPG awards \$59,347.00 for the duration of twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan award of \$59,347.00 requires no local match or additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the EMPG grant will fund a percentage of the compensation of the Emergency Management program coordinator's salary and fringe benefits.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the EMPG grant in the total amount of \$59,347.00 for the grant period beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016 to fund 35.6931% of the Emergency Management program coordinators salary and fringe benefits.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-039

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Office of Emergency Management receives recurring Homeland Security Grant Program Grants (HSGP); and

WHEREAS, the HSGP grant is a pass through grant from the State of Michigan and is awarded to eight (8) Emergency Management Regions within the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the HSGP grant is designed to provide federal funds to the sub grantee, the Lansing Office of Emergency Management, for the purpose of planning, exercising, training and purchasing equipment based on homeland security guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the HSGP awards \$164,102.63 for the duration of thirty-two (32) months; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan award of \$164,102.63 requires no local match or additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the HSGP grant will support Region One with funding for planning, exercising, training, and equipment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the HSGP grant in the total amount of \$164,102.63 for the grant period beginning October 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2018 to fund Region One approved projects in accordance with federal grant guidelines.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create

appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-040

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Police Department (LPD) submitted a 100% Federally-funded multi-jurisdiction grant application (#2016-H3633-MI-DJ) to the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance for a four-year Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and

WHEREAS, the LPD JAG application was endorsed by the City of East Lansing and Ingham County, and was accepted by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (award # 2016-H3633-MI-DJ); and

WHEREAS, the JAG grant is a cooperative plan with the City of East Lansing and Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Justice Assistance will award \$95,990.00 to be split \$87,990.00 to the City of Lansing, \$4,000 to the City of East Lansing, and \$4,000.00 to the County of Ingham; and

WHEREAS, the federal award of \$95,990.00 requires no local match from any of the local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the JAG grant will fund items necessary to increase the law enforcement efficiencies and capabilities of the applicants. The JAG grant will introduce new technology and equipment which is needed to advance the state of technology at the Lansing Police Department (\$87,990.00), technology / equipment for the City of East Lansing (\$4,000), and technology / equipment for the Ingham County Sheriff's Office (\$4,000).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the multi-agency 2016 Justice Assistance Grant in the total amount of \$95,990.00 (requiring no local match) for the grant period beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2019.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Vice President Wood that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spitzley make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:
a. Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities placed on file in the Clerk's Office
PLACED ON FILE

b. City Boards, Authorities, and Commission Term Expirations
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

c. Park Board Rules of Procedure
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

d. Temporary relocation of the Polling Place for Ward 3, Precinct 30 for the August 8, 2017 City Primary Election
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
a. Annual Consolidated Strategy and Plan Submission and Action Plan Proposed Budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund Resources for Fiscal Year 2018
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND INTERNAL AUDITOR

b. Brownfield Plan #67; 2200 Block Redevelopment Project, 2216-2224 E. Michigan Avenue
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

c. Brownfield Plan #20a; LorAnn Oils Inc., Amendment 1, 2017 Building Expansion, 4518 Aurelius Road
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

d. OPRA District & Certificate; DED Development, LLC, 629 W. Hillsdale Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

e. OPRA District; Best Case ScenaREO, LLC, 1101 & 1103 S. Washington Avenue
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

f. Worker's Compensation Settlement #2062876-00997
PLACED ON FILE

g. Sole Source Purchase, Quadgaud Attenuator II TL-3 from Carrier and Gamble
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDITOR

h. Appointment of Beth Graham as the Second Ward Member of the Board of Water & Light Board of Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2018
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding:
a. New SDM license, Sunday Sales Permit (AM), and Gas Pumps for Speedway LLC, 6736 South Cedar Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

b. New SDM license, Sunday Sales Permit (AM), and Gas Pumps for Speedway LLC, 6041 South Pennsylvania Avenue
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Stock interest in 2016 licensing year; Capitol Beverage Company, Inc., 5400 Aurelius Road, 5500, Lansing 48911

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- 2. Letter from Richard Williams, President of the Rental Property Owners Association of Mid-Michigan, in opposition to the proposed amendment to Chapter 1460.49

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- 3. Letter from Grace Caruso in support of the City of Lansing becoming a "Sanctuary City" for immigrant issues

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND PLACED ON FILE

- 4. Claim Appeal; Claim #1366, Ahmadpour Mansour for trash fee for property located at 1034 Greenwood Avenue

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Vice-President Wood to excuse Council Member Yorko from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Spitzley shared that there will not be any votes taken by the Council on the issue of declaring Lansing to be a Sanctuary City at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Jeremy Behr spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Seth Kalis spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Michael Mercer of Delhi Township spoke about various city issues.

Sara Bijani spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Leigh Benigni of Warren, MI spoke about the transfer of part of the police budget to the community resource budget.

Mikey Taylor spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Leland Calloway of Detroit spoke in support of the proposed Verizon lease agreement with the City of Lansing, and expressed frustration with the delays in completing an agreement.

Jonathan Evans spoke in support of Lansing becoming a sanctuary city.

Council Member Dunbar stated that the issue declaring Lansing to be a Sanctuary City is not scheduled to be on the Council agenda for March 13 and that she is working on language that is acceptable to the City Attorney's Office on this issue. Lastly, she encouraged future public comment on the policy.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:25 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK